

The Shepherd's Staff

August 2025

Chosen to Serve † Sharing the Journey † Making Christ Known

Sunday, August 24 ~ 9:30 am ~ Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids



Worship at LCDR ~ Praise Band
Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday School Teacher Installation
Potluck & Games

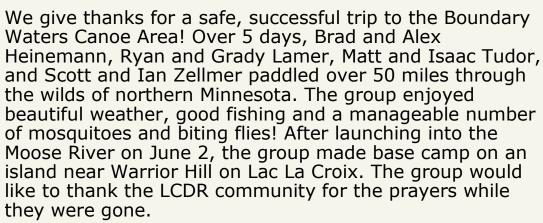
We will join together for worship in the LCDR sanctuary at 9:30 am.

Following the service there will be a potluck picnic and yard games.

Grilled hot dogs and brats, drinks, root beer floats and dinnerware provided. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy much needed fellowship!



Boundary Waters Canoe Trip June 2025









From the Senior Pastor:

I'm writing this in the midst of 4 evenings of Vacation Bible School at LCDR. What a gift to have over 100 children, plus the young adult and adult guides/leaders, here each night for food, fun, and learning about God's love for us in Jesus under the theme "True North". Thanks to all who have participated, planned, prepared, and pulled off this event for the whole Dell Rapids Community.

Having lots of young voices in the building these nights reminds me of the coming return of Wednesday and Sunday programming for kids, youth, and adults as our fall schedule ramps up starting in late August. On the one hand, uff.....where did the summer go?! On the other hand....YAY! We have such vibrant opportunities and engaged leaders here to plan, teach, and relate to all ages that I know fall will be full of good things. I invite you to pray about the ways you can be involved in our fall schedule, especially around children and youth ministry. I'm looking for Confirmation guides (small group leaders), so that's one opportunity to ponder, and there are others! Please be on the look out for any registration or meeting reminders that apply to you and yours coming in August.

Thank you for your continued involvement, good spirit, and giving through June and July. Our Sunday attendance has been strong, and the addition of Summer Nights on selected Wednesdays (Still to Come: July 30 and August 6!) has been great. Our six-month average worship attendance is 190 for 2025, so I'm looking forward to continued strength and growth into the fall months. These numbers speak to an ongoing commitment and enthusiasm for the life and ministry of our congregation during the Interim, as well as through traditionally lower seasons like summer months, and that is something to celebrate. Whenever our next chapter of pastoral leadership starts at LCDR we will be entering it with a strong spirit, engaged volunteers and leaders, and steady financial support. That's a great way to begin a new chapter! Thank you for your continued support for our ministry.

Pastor Andrea



LCDR FARMERS MARKET WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 | 5:30 PM

Do you have extra garden produce or treats you'd like to donate? We invite you to bring them Wednesday, August 6 to our summer nights service to share!

General Fund Financial Snapshot June 2025

Monthly Total Income Goal: \$36,965.52 June Total Regular Income: \$26,350.50 June Expenses: \$28,708.42

YTD through June:

General Fund Income \$204,847.83 General Fund Expenses \$206,333.01 -\$1,485.18

7.5% of Offering is given to Synod monthly



School Year 2025 Church Office Hours

Begins August 19 Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids

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2025 Council Members

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Johnson

From the Associate in Ministry:

God in All Things

Apprehend God in all things,
For God is in all things.
Every single creature is full of God.
Every creature is a word of God.
(by Meister Elkhart 1260 – 1327)

There is so much poetry – and so much in scripture - about God, animals, and us. In Genesis 9:12-13, in the aftermath of the flood, and Noah, and the ark, and the people, and the animals, God said, "This is a sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all generations: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

A <u>Blessing of Animals</u> is celebrated often in congregations, witnessing to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. Our stewardship of creation is strengthened as we recognize and celebrate God's love of, and care for, all creatures, human and animal alike. And... children love these celebrations!

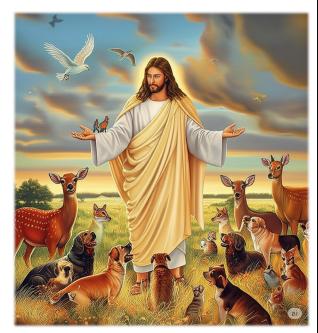
For all of these reasons, we are excited to have a <u>Blessing of the Animals</u> (<u>pets</u> in our case, no wild ones, please!) at our Wednesday evening Summer Nights service on July 30th. There will still be hot dogs, root beer floats, trading cards, and Communion as usual, but we will open with blessing the pets that are with us that evening. You will not want your pet left out!

After all, a blessing, according to scripture, is the 'imparting of power and

life.' The one imparting the blessing is actually imparting the power of God! We will bless each animal that you bring that evening by name, reminding us of God's desire for health, healing, and life for all of his creation, people and animals alike.

Come, bring you pet(s) and be part of reinforcing our common kinship by blessing us ALL – humans and animals alike! I can't wait!

Pat Eidsness, AiM







From Your Youth Leader:

- What does it look like to explore the idea of "Christian" Vocation?" That question will be at the center of our confirmation retreat for 10th graders on August 16 at Augustana University. Regardless of your career – farming, teaching, medicine, auto repair - how do you approach what you do through the lens of being a Christian? The guestion is appropriate to ask of our youth who are beginning to think about life after high school and how their faith can extend beyond the walls of LCDR. It is a topic that we have focused on at the confirmation retreat for quite a few years. That it will be asked while at a retreat on the campus of Augustana is new, however. It is just one of the changes that are taking place as we begin another year of youth programming at LCDR. Here are a few more.
- Our High 5 program continues to grow in size. This year we are expecting as many as 40 youth to be involved. In order to handle a group of this size, we are changing the format of the program, with a focus on small groups and a rotation of activities. We are confident that it will be a good change for the kids and for LCDR. It will, however, require more help.
- Along those lines, we are inviting high school youth to be a part of our High 5 experience as small group and activity leaders. There will be opportunities during Route 67, too. We are hoping to recruit 10-12 high school youth who can volunteer 1-2 times a month. Those interested in volunteering are invited to a training at Sunday, August 17 from 4:00-**6:00 p.m.** Pizza will be provided.
- Speaking of pizza, we feed A LOT of youth every week, beginning in September and ending in May. Even with the support of families who provide snacks for High 5 and Route 67, and meals for Simple Suppers, food costs are among the top expenses of our middle school and high school youth ministry program, topping \$2,000 or more annually. This year, instead of asking for parents to provide a snack, we are asking each youth involved in High 5, Route 67 and confirmation to provide \$25 per "semester" to cover these costs. Parents can pay in one lump sum for the year (\$50) or divide it up. Please let me know if you have any guestions.
- As mentioned above, our confirmation retreat will be changing from an overnight at NeSoDak to a single day at Augustana. Parents of 10th grade youth should receive a letter with details on the retreat, which will be held on August 16 from 2-9 pm. Youth are asked to provide \$40 to cover the cost of the programming and a meal at The Lodge in downtown Sioux Falls.

There are other changes in store for our program, and we are excited to roll those out in the weeks and months to come! Thank you to the LCDR congregation for your continuing support of our youth and family program.

Iohn Pollmann



Confirmation Retreat

August 16 at 2:00 pm

All Confirmation youth affirming their faith this year on September 14 will be going to a confirmation retreat at Augustana University with Pastor Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl & John Pollmann. Please watch for a letter with more information coming soon!

5th Grade Blessing & High 5! Meeting Sunday, September 7 @ 8:30 am service with student/parent meeting to follow

All 5th graders and parents are invited to receive a blessing at the 8:30 am worship service. All 5th graders and parents are also invited to the meeting after worship from 9:30 am - 10:00 am in the Chapel. We will explain what the High 5! Youth group looks like and what that means for 5th graders, and sign up for Simple Suppers.

Beginning of Year Parent & Student Meetings Wednesday, August 27

Parents and youth of each grade level are asked to come for our annual fall meeting to go over the coming academic year and sign up for Simple Suppers and volunteers! You will receive a letter in the mail with more information. Here are the times for each meeting:

- Route 67 (grades 6 & 7) 6:30 PM
- Confirmation (grades 8 & 9) 7:15 PM

All meetings will take place in the Sanctuary.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

August 16 Confirmation Retreat at Augustan University 4 - 6 pm Youth Peer Ministry Training August 17 August 27 **Parent/Student Meetings** 6:30 pm - 6th & 7th grade 7:15 pm - 8th & 9th grade

September 3 Wednesday Youth Activities Begin

No High 5!

5:30 pm Simple Supper 6:15 pm Route 67/Confirmation

September 7 8:30 am - 5th Grade Blessing

9:30 am - 5th Grade Parent/Student Meeting

September 10 6:15 pm 10th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal



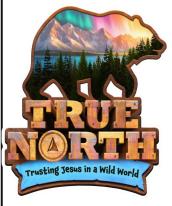
SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Teacher Orientation New and Returning Teachers Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm. Monday, August 18 at 6:30 pm.

Orientation will take place in the room across the hallway from Darcie's Office.

Vacation Bible School Thank You!



Our True North VBS week was a success, where kids discovered that they can trust Jesus in this wild world! We averaged around 120 kids each night and the kids raised money toward the Food Pantry and 5 shopping carts full of food, ves 5!

There are so many people to thank...all those who came as crew leaders and station helpers...many thanks; a huge shout out to Scott Zellmer for making sure the sound system was ready to go and for being there every night running the videos and soundboard and making sure it was working very smoothly all week long. Also, thanks to Maddie Kringen for helping up front with music and other various tasks during each night; Julie Stofferhan and her daughter for leading the games and snacks stations; Lisa Wilber for helping at the registration table; my Board of Ed members for helping with our meal on Monday night; Sue Bredlow for making sure all the items were taken out of the sanctuary and put back where they belong after we were done; Sue and Megan Grinde, Stacia, Hunter and Ryder Bunkers for all the extra help with cleaning up our last night; Steve Munk for being around for minor maintenance issues we encountered. Also to Kathy Harms for applying for a Thrivent gift card to use to help with our Monday night meal expenses. We could not have pulled this off without all of you...THANK YOU!! I'm looking forward to next year's VBS! Psst....it's another fun theme!

Darcie

SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you are interested in teaching Sunday school or helping in the classroom this fall (curriculum is provided), we are looking for you!

We have options that can work with your personal schedule - teach or co-teach every week or alternate weekly with another volunteer. Select the age you love. We are in of need teachers for most grade levels (nursery - 5th grade). Teachers must be adults and helpers in grades 6-12.

No experience needed – just a love for children and a big sense of humor because this is one ministry that will make your heart smile.

Please contact Darcie if you have any questions at Icdarcie@siouxvalley.net.

REGISTER NOW!

Sunday School will officially begin on Sunday, September 7. The Sunday School registration is available in the church entry on our website.

Please fill out the form for all nursery through 5th grade Sunday School children and return to the church office.



UPCOMING FVFNTS

8/13 New and returning Teacher Orientation at 6:30 pm

8/18 Education Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm New and returning Teacher Orientation at 6:30 pm

8/24 Rally Sunday Worship at the City Park Blessing of Backpacks, Sunday School Teacher Installation, potluck, and yard games.

First day of Sunday School Blessing of 5th graders at 8:30 am Worship Open house for 5th graders 9:30-10:00

9/1 No Sunday School

Sunday School, 3rd Grade Bibles



Sunday, August 24 Worship at LCDR Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday School Teacher Installation

We will worship in the LCDR Sanctuary at 9:30 am with a potluck to follow. All students preschool through college please bring your backpacks to worship to have them blessed. Grilled hot dogs & brats and root beer floats will be provided - bring a dish to share! With food, fellowship, and yard games this is sure to be a fun church family event to kick off the 2025-2026 academic year!



If you, a family member or friend would like a Prayer Shawl, please contact the office at 605-428-3197.

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." ~Janet Severi Bristow

Baptismal Faith Chests

We are very glad to announce to the congregation that we have partnered with St. Dysmas to replenish our Baptismal Faith Chest Supply. It was made known to us that there is a group of men that work in the woodshop in Springfield, and they make Faith Chests for other church congregations. These chests are a little bit different than our other versions have been but over the years ours have not always stayed the same anyway. Although the making of these chests does not directly impact St. Dysmas financially, some of the guys that attend worship at St. Dysmas are the ones that make the chests in the woodshop. Working on these chests gives them a sense of pride and a sense of being part of the greater church according to Pastor Jeff Backer. What a

wonderful way for us to help spread the work of this mission!







Gather Bible Study Wednesday, August 20 1:30 PM at Friendship Village

The bible study for the month of August will come from the June/July/August *Gather Magazine*. The lesson will be "Session Three: Relationships that Push Us."

All are welcome! No Preparation is necessary!



Young at Heart Thursday, August 21 at 12 pm

Young at Heart will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck at noon. We invite you to bring a friend!!

Young at Heart is for anyone wanting to gather for ideas, food and fellowship.

LCDR Custodian Part-Time Position Open



LCDR has a part-time custodial position available, hiring now. Need not be a member of the congregation. Please contact Pastor Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl at lcdrpastor@siouxvalley.net or 605-359-8726

August Altar Committee Team 3: Linda Nelson

Thank you for your time and dedication! If you are interested in joining the Altar Committee Ministry, please contact Sue Bredlow at 605-321-1185.



Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, September 14 City Park @ 10:45 am

Our 10th grade students will affirm the promises made in their baptism (confirmation) in an outdoor service at the City Park! All are welcome to join us at 10:45 am on Sunday, September 14 (a regular worship service will be at 8:30 am at LCDR). Please bring your own seating. Confirmation rehearsal will be at 6:15 the Wednesday night before, September 10, with more detailed information sent to 10th grade families in a letter.



Online Giving Made Easy!

Giving with Venmo

You can now use Venmo for your online giving. In your Venmo account, select to pay lcdr@siouxvalley.net.



Simply Giving

Please call the office to set up your Simply Giving (secure electronic giving)! All you need is your routing and account numbers. If you prefer to sign up online, the link is on our website at lcdr-sd.org.



If you have any questions or run into any problems, please contact the church office at 605-428-3197.

From the Record Books



80+ Birthdays:

August 3: James Hendrickson August 10: Linda Johnson August 13: Marilyn Lingbeck August 22: Mavis Erickson



Baptisms:

June 1: Claire Elizabeth Hanson, Daughter of Mike and Melissa Hanson July 9: Arien Anderson, Son of Brian Anderson, Guardians are Paul & Julie Lebahn.

Senior Pastor CALL COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Call Committee. We wanted to provide you with an update regarding the call process. The call committee has received and reviewed several profiles from pastors who are interested in learning more about our call. When reviewing these profiles, we prayerfully consider the match between the gifts that the pastor brings and the gifts that the congregation indicated they are desiring in their next pastor. If the pastor is deemed a potential match, then we proceed with a conversation to allow them to learn more about our congregation and for the call committee to clarify anything that requires more information. At the time of writing this, we have had three Zoom interviews with candidates; however, none of these interviews have resulted in bringing a candidate to LCDR for an in-person interview.

In some cases, after speaking with the pastor we determined that the match between their gifts and the gifts we are seeking was not conducive to taking the next step in the process and they were released from the call process. In other cases, the pastor decided to remove themselves from the process. While these situations are disheartening, the call committee remains steadfast that we will be able to call a pastor that will serve our congregation well for years to come. We recently received a new profile and after reviewing and speaking with the candidate, we have decided to bring the candidate to LCDR for an in-person interview and visit. We will be providing updates regarding scheduling as we have them.

The call committee would like to sincerely thank the congregation for their prayers and support as we go through this process. The process is long, but we believe that most good things are worth waiting for. We will continue to provide updates as they are available to ensure that the congregation is informed of how the call process is proceeding.

Council: Lee Weidauer (Chairman), Tom Morris

Youth: Parker Zweifel

Older Generation: Jon Peterson

Middle Generation: Sandra Lamer;

Younger Generation: Erin Rinehart

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DELL RAPIDS CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2025

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda approved.

Committee Reports: **Education** - Dates for teacher orientation were discussed and they will be held on August 13 and August 18. LCDR will provide the meal for VBS on July 21. There was discussion of Rally Day, food, games, blessing of the backpacks, and teacher installation. Board of Education will host Summer Nights in August to the theme of Farmer's Market. We will invite people to bring in their extra produce to donate to anyone who could use it. Dessert will be pie and ice cream. Property - The committee met and reviewed short and long term projects. Weeds on the campus were sprayed. Some landscape plants were replaced. The irrigation system was checked, two sprinkler heads were replaced, and that is ready to go. Grass seed was spread in the area where the ash trees were removed. When returning from the Boundary Waters trip, the van developed a vibration. It was discovered that it needed a front wheel bearing, brakes and rotors. This work was completed by a congregation member. Two new tires were also purchased. Worship - Summer nights with music. food, and fellowship started on June 9. We have three remaining services on July 9, 30, and August 6. On June 29, we will host service in the park for Quarry Days at 10:00 a.m. This will be the Praise Band's last performance until this fall. Vacation Bible School is coming up July 20 to 23. Rally Sunday will be August 24 at the park with a blessing of the backpacks. September 7 we will go back to two services on Sunday. Confirmation Sunday is September 14. We received new communion ware and began using it at Easter. There has been an issue with the cups sticking to the rings, but we are working on improving this. We are also working on getting together a team to work on Faith Chests. **Technology** - See below for action concerning One Church software. Youth/Family Ministry, Fellowship/Community Outreach, Stewardship - No report at this time.

Member Actions: Nothing to approve but there were two baptisms.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Tom reviewed the treasurer's report. He reported that giving in May was close to budget and expenses matched up really well. There will be some additional expenses coming up in the IT department. Also, there is a principal payment coming up on the line of credit for the roof repair. The balance will be about \$20,000.00. We have three people who have agreed to be on a review/audit committee to review the 2024 financial information. Motion carried to approve treasurer's report.

<u>Pastor's Report</u>: Pastor Andrea noted that we will need some extra communion helpers for the June 29th service in the park for quarry days. It is planned to have 4 stations. Other local churches and pastors may also be participating in the service. Pastor Jeff Backer from St. Dysmas will lead our service on June 22nd. The custodian position is open and the job description has been updated. Pastor Andrea reported that she attended confirmation

camp where we had 15 youth attending. She also attended the Synod Assembly along with other representatives from our congregation. Bishop Constanze Hagmaier was reelected. There have been about 40 to 50 attendees each time for summer nights. There are three more summer nights left. The membership list has been reviewed and we have a ballpark figure of 1077 members. Scott indicated that the new software has ranges for number of members. We would fit into the one which is 1000 to 2000. There was discussion about sharing information with the vendor and possible security issues which would be addressed in the contract. Scott made a motion to work with Workplace IT to assist with the data entry of the church roster to the One Church software at no additional cost to LCDR; motion carried.

Associate in Ministry's Report: Pat reported that grief share is nearly done. There was a smaller group this year. Dates have been set for next year. We are looking at having a group of people making the faith chests and have some people who are interested in doing that. It is hoped to have this organized by this fall. We are forming a facility study group which will be seeking input from committees and members. Pat will be taking a trip for her 60th anniversary and will be gone about 10 days.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: Call Committee for Administrative Senior Pastor Report - We received an update from Lee. They will be having a zoom meeting with a new candidate. The candidates they have reviewed so far did not seem like a good fit.

Asbestos Abatement Grant Update- There is no new information at this time. The next step in this process will be a complete evaluation of the building by those providing the grant.

New Business: Work Groups on 2026 Budget - Andrea does not want to wait until December to prepare for the 2026 budget. She would like to form three groups. One group will consist of the leader of the youth and family committee, the leader of the fellowship committee, the leader of the education committee, and the president. The second group will consist of the leader of the technology committee, leader of the property committee, the secretary, and the past president. The third group will consist of the leader of the worship committee, leader of the stewardship committee, the treasurer, and the president elect. These groups met briefly to discuss their budgets and short reports and recommendations were given.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

Announcements: Next meeting July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Committee reports are due by noon on Monday July 14

Adjournment: Ella made a motion to adjourn; seconded by

Pat. All members voting yes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by: Kathleen Bongers
Church Council Secretary

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2025

Consent Agenda: Consent Agenda Approved

Committee Reports: Property - The sink in the men's bathroom was repaired. Extra rock from the alleyway will be screened and redistributed. New larger drain tile was installed on the downspouts between the church and the educational unit. The ground fault outlet that controls the condensation pumps for the new AC units was tripped and we had some water on the carpet in the fellowship hall. The excess water was vacuumed up and fans were used to dry the area. An alarm device was purchased and plugged in which will produce an alarm if the condensation units lose power. As regards the asbestos evaluation. Geotek took many samples. There will be a report done and sent to Pierre to determine the next step. The cost for removal should be covered by the state program we have applied for. Stewardship - The stewardship committee met to review Council goals and ideas to facilitate them. Ideas that emerged were to tell stories of our ministry and the results of that, change the wording on letters sent out to members, continue to send out statements of intent but focus on making them an educational and spiritual practice, and consider the use of videos for temple talks and discussions. Worship - There was discussion of a recommendation for the purchase of faith chests. We need eight faith chests just to catch up. St. Dysmas at Springfield prison has a group of men who work in the woodshop and make faith chests for churches. The ones they make are somewhat different from the ones we have had, but they are sturdy and attractive. The price is approximately \$51 each. The committee would like to recommend that we go ahead with this plan to provide faith chests. Summer nights continues. Vacation Bible School runs from July 20 to 23. Rally Sunday is August 24 at LCDR. We will change to

Youth/Family Ministry, Education, Fellowship/Community Outreach, Technology - No report at this time.

city park on September 14.

the fall service schedule on September 7. Confirmation will be at the

Member Actions; None at this time; there was a baptism on July 9

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Tom is absent but he provided the report. Thank offerings are down for June (which is typical) and we had some IT bills. Bob noted the designated fund line for Laundry with Love. One of the stewardship members received a Thrivent grant to help with the food for that event. Motion carried to approve treasurer's report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Andrea reported that Julie Stofferahn is temporarily filling in as custodian. We have posted the custodian position. We have two more summer nights worships left - on July 30 and August 6. A baptism was done at the last one and camp kids helped with the music. Vacation Bible School starts on Jly 20 and there are 112 registered so far. Rally Day was planned to take place in the park; however we have learned that Minnehaha County has an event that day at the park so Rally Day has been moved to LCDR.

<u>Associate in Ministry's Report:</u> Pat is not present to give a report as she is on vacation.

Unfinished Business:

Audit - Lisa reported that the financials for 2024 have been reviewed. There were very few discrepancies. The group does have a few recommendations. When someone takes a deposit to the bank, a record should be kept of who made the deposit and the date of the deposit. We should have a written policies and procedures document. Also, there should be a designated person to approve/sign off on Senior pastor expenses. Alyssa noted that we need to start drafting those policies and procedures. We need to discuss this with Tom and see who might be good to work on that process.

Call Committee for Administrative Senior Pastor report - Lee emailed a report. Since the last report, three names were received. A Zoom interview was done with one of the candidates and after the interview it was decided to extend them an in-person invitation to come to Dell Rapids for an interview and visit. However, we have now released that candidate from our call process. We then received another name and we reviewed the profile and watched sermons and services online. I reached out to the candidate. The candidate let me know that they are unavailable for telephone communication until next week. An update will be provided very soon regarding this candidate. Lee will be giving a temple talk on Sunday, July 27 to update the congregation on the process and will be providing Arrielle with a write up on the call process to be included in the newsletter.

New Business:

Faith Chest Recommendation - There are a number of families who have not received their faith chests. The committee is now considering having members of the St. Dysmas congregation at Springfield prison do the faith chests. Zach spoke with Pastor Jeff Backer about this. The St. Dysmas group already constructs and sells faith chests for a number of other churches. Bob noted that we have worn out the volunteers and need to do this. Discussion followed. Motion carried to order 20 faith chests from St. Dysmas.

One Church software progress - Direct Companies is working on getting everything into our One Church app. Scott reported that after the upload is done, we will be working on filling in details. The transition from Simply Giving will need to be figured out.

Executive Session: No executive session was needed.

<u>Announcements</u>: Next meeting: August 13 at 7:00 p.m. - *note date change to one week earlier.

Committee reports are due by 12, August 11 Laundry with Love prep on Sunday July 20 at 10:30 a.m with the event on Tuesday July 22 from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by: Kathleen Bongers Church Council Secretary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	V Fri	Sat
					1 Church Office Closed	5
3 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee & Treats	4	ω	6 1:30 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Summer Nights Meal 5:45 pm Summer Nights Service/ Farmers Market	7 2 pm Prayer Shawl	ω	6
10 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee & Treats	11	12 2:30 pm DNRC Worship 4:00 pm Elder Connections Meeting	13 6 pm Board of Ed Meeting 6:30 pm Sunday School Teacher Training 7 pm Council Meeting	14	15	16 2 pm 10th Grade Youth Confirmation Retreat
17 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee & Treats 4-6 pm Youth Peer Ministry Training (Grades 9-12)	18 6:30 pm Sunday School Teacher Training	19 Office Hours Change: Tue-Fri 8 am - 4pm	20	21 12 pm Young at Heart 2 pm Prayer Shawl	22 4 pm Newsletter Deadline	23
24 Rally Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service at LCDR/ Teacher Orientation/ Blessing of Backpacks 10:30 am Potluck & Games	25	26	27 Parents Night Meetings: 6:15 pm Grades 6-7 7:30 pm Grades 8-9	58	53	30
31 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee & Treats						



Coming Up at LCDR

8/6	Summer Nights Service-Farmers Market
8/13	Sunday School Teacher Orientation
8/16	10th Grade Youth Confirmation Retreat at Augustana
8/22	September Newsletter Deadline
8/24	Rally Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks/SS Teacher
	Installation/Potluck Picnic Lunch
8/27	Parent's Night/Youth Meetings